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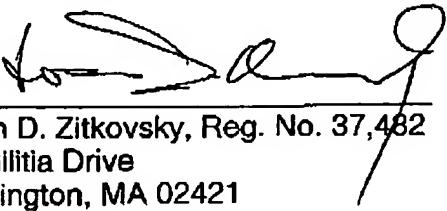
## STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant respectfully asks the Commissioner regarding the status of the above-captioned patent application filed on December 11, 2001. The application has been pending for three years and two months without a first office action.

On June 19, 2003, pursuant to an earlier Status Inquiry, the Commissioner stated that the first office action is expected to issue in more than 15 months, that is November 19, 2004. (copy of PTO correspondence is enclosed)

No PTO correspondence on the merits has been received to this date. Applicant believes that no fee is required, but the Commissioner is authorized to apply any credits or charges to Deposit Account No. 50-2196.

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